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SUBJECT: NASA LUNAR SAMPLE SECURITY TEAM VISITS

- 1. AS PART OF ITS CONTINUING EFFORT TO ADVISE LUNAR SAMPLE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS AND THEIR NATIONAL SPONSORING AGENCIES ON METHODS FOR HANDLING AND SAFEGUARDING SAMPLES, NASA IS SENDING TWO-MAN TEAM TO VISIT EUROPEAN LABORATORIES DURING PERIOD JUNE 16-JULY 25 TO MEET WITH EACH PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR GROUP, REVIEW SECURITY MEASURES IN EFFECT, CONDUCT RANDOM SAMPLE INVENTORY CHECKS, AND BE AVAILABLE TO ADVISE HOW HANDLING AND SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES COULD BE IMPROVED, IF NECESSARY.
- 2. TEAM'S ITINERARY IS UK JUNE 16-JULY 3; GERMANY JULY 3-15
 SWITZERLAND JULY 16-20; FRANCE JULY 21-25. NASA HAS CONTACTED EACH NATIONAL SPONSORING AGENCY TO REQUEST OPPORTUNITY
 FOR TEAM TO MEET WITH AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR COMMENCING
 ROUND OF VISITS IN EACH COUNTRY. SIMILARLY, NASA WOULD
 APPRECIATE BRIEF MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE POST OFFICIAL
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PRIOR COMMENCING VISITS TO PROVIDE BRIEFING ON PURPOSES OF VISIT, REVIEW POST'S ROLE IN TRANSMITTING SAMPLES, AND INVITE ACCOMPANIMENT ON VISIT TO LABORATORIES.

- 3. REQUEST POSTS IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO MEET WITH NASA TEAM IN LONDON JUNE 16, BONN JULY 3, AND BERN JULY 16.
- 4. TEAM MEMBERS ARE MR. JOHN HARRIS, OFFICE OF THE LUNAR SAMPLE CURATOR, AND MR. GENE BENJAMIN, SECURITY OFFICE, JOHNSON SPACE CENTER.
- 5. HARRIS WILL CONTACT EACH POST IN AM DAY OF VISIT TO ARRANGE SUITABLE TIME. IN LONDON, HARRIS WILL CALL PHYS SCI OFF HULM JUNE 16 AM TO ARRANGE MEETING. KISSINGER

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